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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing Print Enlarger Background, First Memorandum November 1965 -
2 February 1967

25X1 The breadboard Briefing Print Enlarger was completed by [] in November 1965. The exceptional good quality of the product caused NPIC to extend the knowledge of this development throughout the intelligence community; accordingly, on 8 December 1965, the first of several briefings was presented in [] design engineer, of []. The intelligence community was well represented and viewed the demonstration prints made on the breadboard; they received the technical details as well.

A second briefing on the Briefing Print Enlarger was given at the eighth meeting of the Committee on Photographic Exploitation (COPE) in January 1966. Again on 16 February 1966 a briefing was given at the Naval Reconnaissance Technical Support Center (NRTSC) at their request.

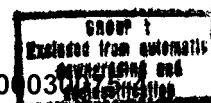
25 At all the above briefings it was indicated that NPIC intended to proceed with the fabrication of a prototype enlarger scheduled to be completed in 15 months and to cost about [].

Much interest in this Printer was expressed at these meetings with many persons indicating that the Printer was needed now and that they would be willing to take the risk of ordering chinese copies of the prototype rather than wait 36 months for production models.

The COPE was asked to provide the information on the BPE and serve as the focal point to disseminate the information that joint procurement by NPIC could be set up for purchase of copies of the prototype BPE.

During April and May 1966 NPIC received requests from outside agencies for the procurement of a total of seven additional copies of the prototype Briefing Print Enlarger. The agencies making the requests and the quantity are as follows: Naval Reconnaissance Technical Support Center - 1.
Naval Air Systems Command - 2.
Defense Intelligence Agency - 1.
Headquarters United States Air Force - 3.

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In May 1966 NPIC agreed to serve as the procuring agency for the joint procurement. A memorandum of understanding was entered into by each of the requesting agencies in which a number of salient points were surfaced as follows:

- a. All seven printers will be exact copies of the master prototype being fabricated for NPIC.
- b. There is some risk involved in this type of procurement from the equipment operation point of view and the cost will be higher than they would be in production.
- c. Fabrication of the Chinese copies will be based on fabrication of the NPIC model, delivery of which can be expected to take about sixteen months from start of fabrication.

Notwithstanding the above risks all participating agencies agreed to the arrangements by memorandum insisting that NPIC proceed as expeditiously as possible with the procurement of the seven additional BPE's.

Procurement of the seven Chinese models was initiated on 27 June 66 although some of the requesting agencies had some difficulty in providing the full authorization or funding transfer information required for the procurement.

The contractor was authorized to proceed with fabrication of the seven BPE's on 6 July 1966, with expenditures limited to [redacted]

The last of the funds to be made available for joint procurement were from the USAF on 14 October 1966.

The full amount of the contract [redacted] was authorized 1 Feb 1967.
Making the cost per printer [redacted]

In the memorandum of understanding of May 1966 each of the requesting agencies agreed to supply a technical monitor to work with the NPIC contracting officers technical representative.

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25X1 The first joint meeting of the technical monitors was held at []
[] on 16 September 1966. At this meeting the
monitors examined the breadboard printer and after a review of the draft
specification and some available planning drawings released eight assem-
blies or sub-assemblies for fabrication in the required quantity of eight
each.

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[] on 1 and 2 February 1967 with the US Navy monitor being absent.
(It was agreed in the previous meeting, that should any monitor be absent
he will be bound by the decision of those in attendance).

The partially assembled prototype printer was inspected, the preliminary
specification, and assembly drawings were reviewed and all remaining assemblies
were released for fabrication of seven BPE's.

At the meeting of 2 February 67, the delivery schedule of the prototype
was revised to July 1967 and a firm delivery and distribution schedule was
established for the seven chinese copies as listed on the attached format.

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BRIEFING PRINT ENLARGER

	1967						1968							
	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG
PROTOTYPE NPIC	← 1967 → ← 1968 →													

1st Model DIA

Alex Va

2nd Model USAF (OFFIC)

ONAWA SAC

3rd Model NRTSC

SUIE ML NATSC

4th Model NASC (AIC)

NOAFCVA NR

5th Model USAF (ACIC)

St. Lo's FCIC

6th Model USAF (Reale)

CHIC 10012

7th Model NASC (FEC P)

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Subject: Information on BPE to
Westover AFB.

Information received from

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[REDACTED]

this date,

Westover has requested copies
of specifications, charts,
and parts lists. Having
received an OK from

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[REDACTED]

he is furnishing
these direct to Westover.

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